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May, June, August, September and
October and the July muster shall be
held on the 4th day of the month,
save when the 4th happens to fall on
Sunday, when it shall be held on the
5th.

Article 3—All fines assessed against
commissioned officers for failure to
attend muster shall be \$5.00, non-
commissioned officers \$2.50. Privates
\$1.25.

Article 4—All fines assessed shall be for the benefit of the company, to be disbursed whenever the amount of 20\$ or more shall be found in the hands of the treasurer unappropriated, by a vote of the Company. The majority ruling, if it is considered practicable.

Article 5—This Constitution may be altered or amended at any time by vote of two thirds concurring at a regular meeting, when a majority is present.

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The big item of expense was \$37.42 for shoes—nineteen pairs bought on May 23, at Philippi, from J. P. Thompson. The other items include bacon, tallow, flour, meal, horse feed, gloves, hats, cotton cloth, calico, socks, shirts, blankets and whatnot.

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The cavalry referred to was Captain Andrew McNeel's company. On their return from Philippi, this company was disbanded and the men joined the 11th Virginia—Bath Squadron—and Captain Wm. L. McNeels and Captain J. W. Marshall's companies, 19th Virginia Cavalry.

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The last member of Company I, to pass over that I know of was Captain J. W. Mathews of Anthonys Creek who died about two years ago.

Captain Stofer came from the Valley of Virginia. He was a lawyer, and he served as commonwealths attorney for Pocahontas a number of terms. He had been a soldier in the Mexican war, and fought in a number of battles. My recollection is that Captain Stofer was not wounded in the war between the states until the battle of Cross Keys when he fell

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General William Skeene served as clerk of both the county and circuit courts. He was succeeded just before the war by the late William Curry. He was a resident attorney at Huntersville for many years. He was elected Attorney General of the State of Virginia.

I certainly do wish that General Skeene had written up the "Tin Cup Campaign" day by day, instead of quitting off on the record the evening of the third day.

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After the war Confederate soldiers
were deprived of the rights of citizen-
ship by their inability to take the
test oath. Before a man could vote,
hold office, practice law, etc., he must
swear that he had not aided or abet-
ted the Confederacy. This did not
please Captain Stofer a bit. At the

first opportunity he presented him-
self at the bar as a practicing attor-
ney, took the oath and resumed his
law work where he left off after four
years service in the army of the Con-
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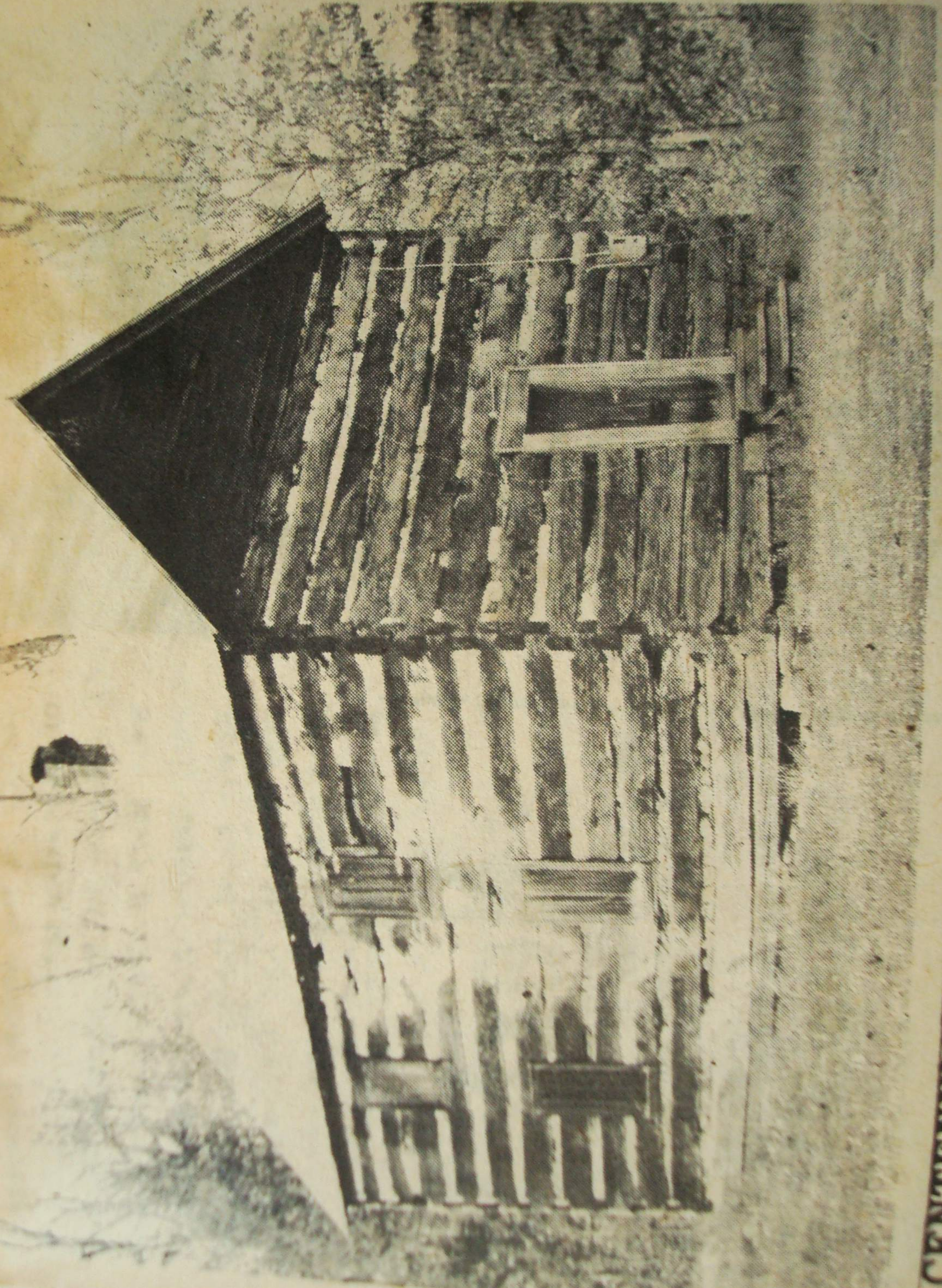
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Judge A. G. Dayton, of Philippi,
United States District Judge. I do
know that Mr. Dayton success-
fully defended the numerous Confed-
erate soldiers who were indicted for
murder after the war, in this county.

My friend, the late Hugh P. Mc-
Laughlin, always took delight in re-
lating his experiences as a boy on
this "Tin Cup Campaign." Some
where along the road to Philippi they
came to a farm where there was a
mowing machine with its tongue
propped up, in a shed. Few of them
had ever seen a mower, and word was
passed down the ranks that it was a
cannon. One boy took a good look at
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